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FM AMEMBASSY SAN JOSE

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SUBJECT: DEPUTY ACCUSES EMBASSY ON VISA CASE

REF: SAN JOSE 4682

1. FOLLOWING FURTHER RAMBLINGS FROM THE ASSEMBLY ON SUBJECT CASE, CHARGE CALLED ALFONSO CARRO, PRESIDENT OF THE ASSEMBLY, TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT. CARRO REPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL TO HAVE EMBASSY POSITION IN WRITING TO BE READ INTO RECORD PRIOR TO ASSEMBLY ADJOURNMENT DEC. 11. HE SAID HE WOULD WRITE TO CHARGE TO REQUEST SUCH A STATEMENT.

2. UPON REFLECTION, CHARGE DECIDED THAT IT WOULD BE BETTER AT THIS PARTICULAR TIME(WITH INVESTIGATION OF ALLEGED CIA ACTIVITIES STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION) TO AVOID PRECEDENT OF RECEIVING AND REPLYING DIRECTLY TO A FORMAL ASSEMBLY INQUIRY. CHARGE THEREFORE SENT A LETTER TO CARRO DEC. 11 ON OWN INITIATIVE. NO LETTER FROM CARRO HAS BEEN RECEIVED.

3. ASSEMBLY'S SPECIAL SESSION WAS ADJOURNED SINCE DIE LAST NIGHT, AND EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW AT THIS WRITING WHETHER CHARGE'S LETTER WAS READ INTO RECORD OR NOT.

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4. ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF CHARGE'S LETTER FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: WITH FURTHER REFERENCE TO MY TELEPHONE CALL TO YOU LAST EVENING, I AM PLEASED TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING THE MATTER OF DEPUTY EDUARDO MORA'S PROPOSED TRIP THROUGH THE UNITED STATES.

5. ON THE AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 9 THE CONSULAR SECTION OF THIS EMBASSY RECEIVED A CALL FROM A REPRESENTATIVE OF DEPUTY MORA WHO ASKED WHETHER THE DEPUTY AND HIS WIFE WOULD HAVE ANY DIFFICULTY IN PASSING THROUGH THE UNITED STATES IN TRANSIT TO EUROPE. SINCE UNDER UNITED STATES LAW A TRANSIT VISA WOULD HAVE BEEN REQUIRED IN THIS CASE, THE VICE CONSUL RESPONDED THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO MAKE SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH THE U.S. IMMIGRATION SERVICE IN ORDER TO FACILITATE THE DEPUTY'S TRAVEL AND TO PREPARE THE VISA. EVEN THOUGH IT WAS AFTER REGULAR HOURS FOR VISA MATTERS, THE VICE CONSUL URGED THE DEPUTY'S REPRESENTATIVE TO COME IMMEDIATELY TO THE EMBASSY WITH THE DEPUTY'S PASSPORTS AND VISA APPLICATION FOR HIS PROPOSED TRANSIT THROUGH THE UNITED STATES SO THAT THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS COULD BE MADE IN TIME FOR HIS TRAVEL THE FOLLOWING DAY.

6. UNFORTUNATELY, NOTHING MORE WAS HEARD FROM DEPUTY MORA'S REPRESENTATIVE AND THEREFORE NO ACTION COULD BE TAKEN. I WISH TO EMPHASIZE EMPHATICALLY THAT VISAS WERE NOT DENIED TO THE DEPUTY AND HIS WIFE.

7. SINCE THE EMBASSY HAD NO DIRECT COMMUNICATION WITH DEPUTY MORA IN THIS MATTER IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THERE HAS BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING. I HOPE THIS LETTER WILL CLARIFY THE MATTER.

8. I AM SENDING A COPY OF THIS LETTER TO THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN RELATIONS. UNQUOTE

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